

males do not spawn till they return from their first visit to the salt water, though some inequality in the development of the ova may frequently be perceived towards the end of April and the beginning of May in specimens measuring from six to seven inches in length which have assumed the migratory dress. Young salmon trouts weighing from half a pound to a pound are observed to ascend the Conway in considerable numbers every year in August, and adults of large dimensions are, at all times, very much scarcer than those of a medium size. From these facts I am led to infer that the salmon trout, in its œconomy and rate of growth, bears a close resemblance to the salmon.

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LVII.—*Short description of a Bottle-nose Whale stranded upon the coast of the co. Louth in the autumn of 1840.* Communicated to the Nat. Hist. Society of Dublin, by O. B. BELLINGHAM, M.D.*

A SPECIMEN of *Hyperoodon Butzkopf* became entangled on the evening of Oct. 6, 1840, upon a bed of rocks, which run some distance into the sea, and are partially uncovered at low water, off Salterstown near Dunany Point, co. Louth, and next morning was found nearly dead by some fishermen, by whom it was towed to Johnstown Beach.

It was a male, and measured 23 feet 7 inches in length; the greatest circumference behind the pectoral fins 13 feet 8 inches; snout measured 2 feet 7 inches, and the tail 6 feet across.

The skin was smooth, polished, and of an olive-black colour.

Eyes small, dark, and somewhat larger than those of the ox; immediately behind each eye was an opening about 5 inches in length and 2 broad.

There were 2 small teeth in the extremity of the lower jaw, buried at least 2 inches in the gum.

No remains of food were found on examination in the stomach or intestines.

The blubber yielded upwards of 120 gallons of oil.

Observations.—The *Hyperoodon Butzkopf* of Lacépède, *Hyperoodon bidens* of Fleming, *Ceto-diodon Hunteri* of Jacob, *Bottle-head* of Dale, and *Bottle-nose Whale with two teeth* of Hunter, is so little known to British naturalists that the most trifling particulars respecting it possess interest. This is the third specimen of this species which within the last four years has been stranded upon the same part of the coast of the co. Louth; two of these

* A drawing of the animal, made by Lieut. Raye, R.N., was exhibited to the meeting.

